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## *With Multi-Family Recycling*

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Think Reduce and Recycle at Apartments and Condominiums in Montgomery County, Maryland

## **TRRAC**

### **Calendar**

**JULY 12, 2004**

#### **Recycling Workshop**

At the Gardens of Traville  
11:00 a.m.

**AUGUST 13-21, 2004**

#### **Montgomery County Fair**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2004**

#### **America Recycles Day**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

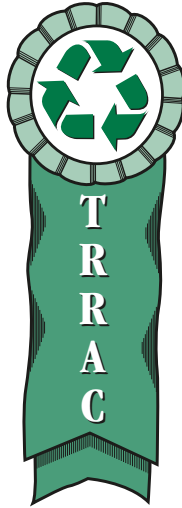
#### **Annual reports for Multi-family properties due**



#### **Get "Behind the Scenes" This Fall**

On six consecutive Wednesday nights, learn what happens to your recyclables and trash after they are collected. For details or to register call **240-777-6461** or go to our **Web site** listed below.

There is no fee to attend.



### **And the winner is . . . All of us!**

That's right. We all win when we recycle and we have some great multi-family properties in Montgomery County that are recycling more than 50% of their waste. On May 19th we recognized some of those properties at our 2004 Recycling Recognition and Awards Program and Luncheon.

Recycling Awareness Week was a busy time for the entire recycling team. In conjunction with staff of the single-family, business recycling and the recycling volunteer programs we conducted several presentations daily at schools across the County from May 16th through the 22nd. It's tiring, fun, and rewarding when your mission is to protect the environment.

The highlight of the week was the Awards Luncheon where five single-family residences, ten multi-family properties and 50 businesses were recognized for their excellence in recycling. The 2003 multi-family winners are listed below. ***Congratulations everybody!***

***4620 North Park Avenue Condominium Association***

***Boulevard of Chevy Chase***

***Churchill Senior Living***

***Dale Apartments***

***Fawcett Apartments***

***Highland House West***

***Holly Hall Apartments***

***Montgomery Towers***

***Musco Barber, Site Manager for Grosvenor Park IV Condominium***

***Whitley Park Condominium***

Profiles of the first three awardees can be found on page 3.

**Visit our Web Site: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling)**

## Baby Blue Bins: The alternative to plastic bags

Are you and your staff tired of sorting through your recyclables looking for plastic bags? Use our easy 3-step approach to solving this problem.

**1. EDUCATE** your residents about the proper way to recycle. We can provide brochures and stickers to help. It starts with each resident doing their part by separating recyclables from trash at home. If they don't put plastic bags in recycling bins, you don't have to take them out.

**2. GIVE THEM A BIN.** Our small blue bins have a fold-a-way plastic handle that make them convenient for apartment and condominium residents who don't have a lot of space and have to carry their recyclables to a centralized recycling area. They fit easily under kitchen cabinets, yet still hold lots of recyclable material. We can even arrange delivery of bins to your site at no additional cost. We now have bins in stock so call us at **240-777-6446** to reserve your bins today.

**3. ENCOURAGE** separate plastic bag recycling. Encourage your residents to collect and then take their plastic bags back to the grocery store since many local grocers have collection bins specifically for recycling plastic bags.



After his lively presentation promoting the need to buy recycled, Richard Keller, Manager of Recycling at Maryland Environmental Services, shows June 2004 TRRAC seminar attendees a variety of items that are made from recycled materials. Want to know more about where you can purchase recycled products? Call **240-777-6400**.

## RECYCLING CHECKLIST



**Multi-Family properties MUST recycle the following materials:**



Newspapers (including inserts)



Aluminum cans and aluminum foil products



Bi-metal food and beverage cans



Glass bottles and jars



Plastic bottles with necks



Yard trim (grass, leaves, brush and Christmas trees)



**Many multi-family complexes have expanded their recycling collection programs to allow you to recycle additional items such as:**



Mixed paper



Corrugated cardboard boxes



Telephone Books



Scrap metal

**NOTE:** At this time, multi-family properties are not required to recycle mixed paper. However, this is expected to change in the near future, and property managers can contract with their current recycling collection company to include a mixed paper recycling program. Call or e-mail us for more information.



**It's grass cutting season!**

Remember to **grasscycle**, or instruct your lawn care service providers to **grasscycle**.

Leave cut grass on the lawn and let the nutrients enrich your property's soil naturally.

# TRRAC Stars

*In our last issue you met TRRAC Star Musco Barber of Grosvenor Park IV Condominiums. In May, Musco received our 2003 Outstanding Achievement in Recycling Award for an Individual. Now we'll introduce you to some of the multi-family properties that received Excellence in Recycling Awards. Presented in alphabetical order, these are three of the nine properties that were recognized. Look for the others in future issues.*

## **4620 North Park Avenue—Chevy Chase, 292 Units**



The property of 4620 North Park Avenue has achieved the highest recycling rate among all multi-family properties with an outstanding rate of 71%. The residents are committed to recycling all they can and management is cognizant of the need to periodically raise recycling awareness. Recycling posters are provided on each floor in the trash rooms and flyers are distributed to the residents. Management continuously educates residents and makes it their business to maintain their recycling rate of 70% and above.

## **Boulevard of Chevy Chase—Chevy Chase, 14 Units**



The Boulevard of Chevy Chase is a small apartment complex that has improved their recycling rate from 38% to 58%. The residents truly make this program a success. They are extremely careful about separating their trash from recyclable materials. They also pay strict attention to the posted stickers and signs. Based on this award, the residents at the Boulevard of Chevy Chase know that their actions really make a difference.

## **Churchill Senior Living—Germantown, 121 Units**



Initially the recycling program at this two-year old property started out slow, but with the collaboration of management, the building engineer's enthusiasm, the dedication of housekeeping staff and the active senior citizens who live there, the recycling rate is now 53%. With the help of the Property Managers Guidebook, building engineer, Mr. Terry Jenkins, developed a six-page recycling guide for residents to follow. Residents attended an educational presentation to gain a clearer understanding of the do's and don'ts of recycling. This property is recycling very well and staff and residents are always willing to learn and make adjustments to enhance their recycling






program. They've already made changes for this year, so we're looking forward to an even higher recycling rate on their next Annual Recycling Report.



# EVER WONDER WHY THE RECYCLING SYMBOL HAS THREE CHASING ARROWS?

In a previous TRRAC newsletter we learned why the recycling symbol has three chasing arrows (**Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle**) and how we all can contribute to a healthier environment by reducing what we use. Now we'll look at how easy it is for all of us to . . .

## Reuse.

-  Consider buying reusable products.
-  Maintain and repair durable products.
-  Borrow, rent, or share items used infrequently.
-  Sell or donate goods instead of throwing them out.
-  Reuse bags, containers, packing supplies, and other items.

All of these steps help because reusing items that have a long, useful life or can be used again in another way enables us to avoid using additional natural resources to produce new items. We also do less harm to the environment because we process and transport less new raw material.

Remember, the Montgomery County Recycling Center accepts computers and household metal items like large appliances, bicycles, metal cabinets, doors, iron furniture and railings, disassembled metal sheds, shower stalls, aluminum lawn chairs, and disassembled swing sets without concrete posts for recycling. Some of these items are repaired for reuse or have parts that are reused. Any questions? Call the customer service line for assistance, **240-777-6410**.

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**Multi-Family Recycling Program**  
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e-mail: recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov  
*Recycling for Multi-Family Properties*  
(240) 777-6400  
*County Transfer Station*  
(301) 840-2370  
*County Recycling Center*  
(301) 417-1433  
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